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To: The House Transportation Committee

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HB 4853 sponsored by Representative Tedder is supported by ABATE of Michigan.

This bill will allow the public sponsor of the motorcycle safety program to raise the student tuition from \$25 up to \$50 per class.

History of the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Fund: This earmarked fund was established in legislation passed in 1982. \$3 from the motorcycle plate fee would be earmarked in this fund to be used solely for motorcycle safety training and motorcycle licensing. This bill was passed with the help of a collation of groups including ABATE of Michigan. Since that time ABATE of Michigan has come back to the legislature 5 times to keep this fund solvent. Currently \$10 of the original cycle endorsement goes into the Motorcycle Safety Fund. \$2 of the motorcycle endorsement renewal fee goes into the Motorcycle Safety Fund. The privatizing of motorcycle licensing administrative costs are still charged to the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Fund.

NO STATE GENERAL FUND MONEY GOES INTO THE MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND.

The student tuition of \$25 goes directly to the public sponsors. It has been the same since 1982. The tuition is so low that students sign up and don't show up for class. Some sites have a current no-show rate of 20 to 25% of registered students not showing up for class. This legislation raises the student tuition from \$ 25 up to \$50 per class.

HB 4854 eliminates the Secretary of State written knowledge test for all who successfully complete the Motorcycle Safety Class. The safety class provides motorcycle specific knowledge and is a duplication of services.

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